

## JOINT RESOLUTIONS

PASSED BY THE THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

## NUMBER I.

## SCHOOL-LANDS.

JOINT RESOLUTION Withdrawing the School-Lands from Market.

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That all the unsold school lands of the State of Iowa are hereby withdrawn from market until the first day of March next, and that the Secretary of State be directed to inform all County Auditors of the passage of this resolution. This resolution shall take effect from and after its publication in the State Register and Des Moines Bulletin.

Approved, January 24, 1870.

I hereby certify that the foregoing joint resolution was published in the *Daily Iowa State Register*, and in the *Des Moines Daily Bulletin*, January 25, 1870.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State.*

## NUMBER II.

## FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

PREAMBLE AND JOINT RESOLUTION Relative to the Abolition of the Franking Privilege.

WHEREAS, The franking privilege enjoyed by members of Congress has been and is now used for purposes other than those contemplated by the law granting the same, whereby the postal service of the country is greatly burdened by the carrying of large amounts of

worthless documents, both public and private, and the people of the whole country are heavily taxed for the support of this monopoly; therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their influence in procuring the abolition of the franking privilege: that the present burden of taxation may be lessened, the postal department of the government may become self-supporting, and the people enjoy a cheaper and more perfect means of inter-communication.*

*Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to forward a copy of this preamble and joint resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.*

Approved, January 26, 1870.

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### NUMBER III.

#### RATIFYING AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

JOINT RESOLUTION Ratifying the proposed Fifteenth Article of Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, relative to the Right of Citizens to Vote.

WHEREAS, The Fortieth Congress of the United States has proposed to the Legislatures of the several States the following article of amendment to the Federal Constitution, namely:

#### ARTICLE 15.

SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

SEC. 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation; therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That the State of Iowa, by its legislature, hereby ratifies, adopts, and assents to the said amendment.*

Approved, February 3, 1870.